

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of making an authentication product, comprising the steps of:

providing a first product, applying a plurality of micro discrete image products, each of said micro discrete image products to said first product having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having at least one predetermined image thereon, said predetermined image having a size no greater than about 10 microns.

2. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said micro discrete products when placed on an article do not detract from the original appearance of the article as viewed under normal viewing conditions.

3. (original) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of viewing said first product under magnification so as to view said micro discrete particles for identification of said indicia.

4. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein said discrete image is formed on a photosensitive media using near-field optics

5. (original) A product having a plurality of micro discrete particles placed thereon, said particles having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having at least a portion of a micro image placed thereon, said micro image having a size no greater than about 20 microns.

6. (original) A product according to claim 5 wherein said product comprises any one of the following: stock certificates, tickets, clothing, stamps, financial instruments, and labels.

7. (original) A product according to claim 6 wherein said micro discrete particles are applied on said product by applying an adhesive to

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said product or said micro discrete particles and applying said discrete particles to said product.

8. (original) A product according to claim 6 wherein said micro discrete particles are applied on said product by an electrostatic process.

9. (original) A product according to claim 5 wherein said discrete includes a photosensitive layer on which said discrete images are formed.

10. (original) A micro discrete particle having a size no greater than about 20 microns and having photosensitive layer on which at least a portion of a micro image is formed thereon, said micro image having a size no greater than about 20 microns.

11. (original) A micro discrete particle according to claim 10 wherein said discrete image has a size no greater than about 10 microns.

12. (original) A micro discrete particle according to claim 10 wherein said at least a portion of a micro image is provided a plurality of times on said layer.

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